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FROM THE BISHOP

END OF YEAR BENEVOLENCE IS GOOD NEWS!

With a grateful and happy heart, I received the financial report at the end of our fiscal year. A total of \$1,170,000 was given by our congregations. This amounts to an \$86,000 increase in giving over 1988, or a 7.6% increase. By carefully monitoring our budget, and with a modest amount of interest income, for the second year of our ministry in the Northwest Washington Synod we have been able to fully fund all of our commitments.

This good news does not come by accident! Faithful pastoral support and congregational commitment to the ministry of the greater Church is obvious. Covenant congregations are certainly leading the way in our stewardship effort. I have the sense that we have come a long way in becoming a new church.

As we move into 1990, the Synod Council is prayerfully looking at our priorities for ministry. What does it mean for us to be evangelical? What does it mean that God has called us as witnesses to Jesus Christ in one of the fastest growing areas of our country?

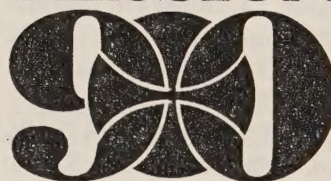
The challenges are many! The opportunities are great. Let us continue to move ahead with the confidence that comes from placing our trust in Christ. As we move into this new decade of challenge, it is my hope and prayer that each congregation in our synod will share the enthusiasm and excitement of being the Church in mission.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION



SEE+GROW+SERVE

MISSION90 INTRODUCTION

MISSION90, a vision to shape our commitment to Christ in the coming decade, was enthusiastically embraced by the 1989 Churchwide Assembly. It is now being introduced in over 11,000 ELCA congregations.

Bishop Knutson has appointed a special task force to take on the ambitious task of introducing MISSION 90 into the life of our synod. Plans are underway for two workshops on March 18 and March 25 (afternoon and evening) for pastors and church leaders. A special mailing will be sent out the second week of February with specific details. Please save these dates and plan to attend these important workshops!

CONGREGATIONAL "STORIES" NEEDED

THE LUTHERAN magazine is planning some "roundup" stories on what congregations around the country are doing in:

- *Youth ministry
- *Creative stewardship programs
- *Parish evangelism

Please pass your success stories along to our Synod correspondent, Norm Folkers, 18301 - 68th Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98037, 778-9333. Thanks!

FOR CONGREGATIONS MAKING LONG-RANGE PLANS

In the January/February issue of "Seeds for the Parish", a valuable article appeared which provided several resources for congregations making long-range plans. Be sure to look for this article!

ATTN: MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEES

The synod's Mutual Ministry Task Force is seeking information from existing Mutual Ministry/Staff Support Committees of congregations and agencies. Please provide the following:

1. Brief job description of the committee.
2. Are you satisfied with the way your committee is functioning (why or why not)?
3. If you answered "yes" to question #2, please list any resource material that you found helpful to your committee.
4. Would additional resource material or a training workshop be helpful?

Please send your responses to Sherry Kiefel, c/o Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front St. So., Issaquah, WA 98027 (392-4169).

BISHOP KRISTER STENDAHL'S SERMON AVAILABLE

A copy of the sermon delivered by Bishop Stendahl at the Lutheran/Episcopal Joint Celebration at St. Mark's Cathedral last November is available by calling the synod office, 783-9292.

BEWARE OF A CURRENT CHURCH SCAM

Bethel Lutheran of Shoreline reports that people claiming to represent "Fish Ministries" or "Fish Northwest" are approaching churches for money. The addresses and phone numbers they give are false. They use a high-pressure approach, saying that they need the money by 4:00 p.m. that day, usually for cancer, AIDS or emphysema patients threatened with eviction.

SEVERAL REPORTS DUE TO THE SYNOD OFFICE

The congregational parochial reports mailed to you from the ELCA are to be completed and returned to the synod office. The due date was January 20, and many congregations still have not sent theirs in.

Rostered persons who have received the Annual Report to the Synod Bishop are to complete the form and mail it to Bishop Knutson by February 15.

Please return your congregation's STATEMENT OF INTENT for 1990 to the synod office just as soon as your congregation has approved its 1990 budget.

MORE INFORMATION RE: THE BOYCOTT OF CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE WINES

Recently congregations received information from Chateau Ste. Michelle presenting their side of the issue on the boycott. The synod office has received a copy of a rebuttal letter from the Washington Association of Churches to Allen Shoup, President and CEO of the winery. Call 783-9292 if you desire a copy of the WAC letter.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Nominating Committee for the 1990 Synod Assembly appreciates all the suggestions which have been sent for potential nominees. More names can be used for several of the positions to assure a wide representation from the total synod. Positions are open for Synod Council, Regional Council, 1991 Churchwide Assembly Delegates and PLU Corporation Delegates. All you need to do is give names and addresses. The committee will make the contacts with people to determine their commitment to serve.

Please refer to the blue form enclosed in the January "Soundings" to provide names and addresses of nominees, or send the names to the synod office to the attention of the Nominating Committee. Thank you very much for your help.

Committee Chair: Janet Labes
18921 - 34th Ave. So.
Seattle, WA 98188
242-0972 (home phone)

CALL FOR PLU BOARD OF REGENTS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for members of the Pacific Lutheran University Board of Regents are hereby invited from members of the synod. A list of qualifications for service as a regent and nomination forms are available by writing or calling Dr. Christy Ulleland, Secretary, PLU Board of Regents, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447; 535-7111. Deadline for receipt of nominations is March 20.

CHURCH OF THE OPEN CIRCLE BEGINS

Beginning on February 11, the Church of the Open Circle will meet at Gethsemane, Seattle, for an ecumenical service geared
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CHURCH OF THE OPEN CIRCLE (cont.)

toward the Native American community. All interested persons are invited. This is co-sponsored by the Native American Task Force of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, and Native American Lutheran Ministry. They will meet at 6 p.m. for a potluck, followed by a service at 7:30.

LBI MISSION RESOURCE TEAM AVAILABLE

Four students from Lutheran Bible Institute comprise the Mission Resource Team. Their purpose is to promote global mission awareness in local congregations. Each of the students has lived and worked in a country other than the USA. One team member is Rev. Lemburis Justo, ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. The others are either missionary children or have served in short-term mission situations in Kenya, Canada, and Cameroon. They can be scheduled for adult forums, Sunday School classes for youth and children, youth meetings, family nights, or Sunday worship services. For further information, contact Pat Lelvis at LBI, 392-0400.

APLLM ANNUAL CONFERENCE SET

Registration materials have been mailed for the annual conference of the Association of Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers on May 14-17 at Cannon Beach. Included with those materials was an APLLM membership form. The dues were incorrectly listed at \$15.00 per year; they should actually be \$20.00 per year. AIMS, please note this when you send in your membership fee.

CLERGY TAX PLANNING RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The synod office has received several copies of TAX PLANNING FOR CLERGY, a publication by Manfred Holck, Jr. for 1989 tax returns. These booklets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$1.00 if mailed, or free if picked up at the synod office. An order form is included for other financial publications for clergy by Manfred Holck.

UPCOMING EVENTS

INVITATION TO NWWA SYNOD WOMEN

The Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization is planning a day of Bible study with the authors of the 1990 WELCA study, "Companions on Your Journey". Louise Williams and Phyllis Kersten will be sharing at Faith Lutheran Church in Shelton on Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with lunch served. Contact Janet Labes, 242-0972.

KING'SPLAYERS PRESENTS GILBERT & SULLIVAN

The semi-annual production of KING'SPLAYERS, a non-profit community theatre group, will be "The Pirates of Penzance" at Puget Sound Christian College, 411 Fourth Ave. No., Edmonds, Feb. 23-25 and Mar. 2-4. For information, call Richard Bridges at 328-5715 or 337-3733. It shall be the purpose of KING'SPLAYERS Association to provide an arena for amateur theatricists to participate in the presentation of responsible artistic productions, programs, and concerts of dramatic, musical, and other creative expression within a framework compatible with Christian expression and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS FOR CONGREGATIONS

The synod Stewardship Committee is presenting a workshop to help congregations with stewardship. The workshop leader will be Rev. Bob Armstrong, ELCA Commission for Financial Services, from the Regional Office in Seattle. Rev. Armstrong and the Stewardship Committee will help those attending the workshop to analyze their present stewardship program and offer assistance. Please plan to attend one of the following dates:

-March 10 at Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

-March 17 at Salem Lutheran, Mt. Vernon, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS (cont.)

The cost will be \$20 per person, which includes food and materials. Registration is coming in the mail.

RICHARD JUNGKUNTZ LECTURESHIP AT PLU

The public is invited to hear MARTIN E. MARTY lecture at PLU on March 22-23 on the topic, "Clarity, Chaos, Conversation: Liberal Education in Christian Context". His first lecture, "The Descript University in a Non-descript World", will be presented March 22 at 7:30 p.m. The second lecture, "Christian Humanism and Liberal Arts: Toward 2000", will be presented on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Martin E. Marty is an internationally renowned church historian, popular lecturer, and author of over 40 books.

DAY OF RENEWAL ON APRIL 21

Synod women are invited to a DAY OF RENEWAL at Cross of Christ Lutheran in Bellevue (746-7300) on April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Margaret Wold, Professor of Religion at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California, and a well-loved speaker and author. Lunch included.

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC 1990

Information on the Lutheran Summer Music camp program for talented high school musicians is available in the synod office, or write to Lutheran Music Program, Inc., 2225 Washington St., Lincoln, NE 68502. The dates are June 24-July 21, to be held at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Several types of financial assistance are offered.



YOUTH GATHERING

Congregations have received registration materials for the Western States Youth Gathering, "Go Into The World", June 30-July 6 in Santa Clara, California. It will be an exciting week filled with workshops, inspirational music and drama, and special activities
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YOUTH GATHERING (cont.)

for fellowship and fun for youth from Regions I and II. If you need more information, contact Dave Ellingson at 624-0093.

ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSICIANS REGIONAL CONVENTION

ALCM works to strengthen the practice of worship and church music for all North American Lutherans. Membership is open to any person or institution whose interests are in harmony with the Association's goals.

The convention for Region I will be held at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, on July 11-14. For information, contact Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, 9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 588-4363.

FESTIVAL OF LIFE 90

Congregations have received registration materials for the annual "Festival of Life" events at Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah.

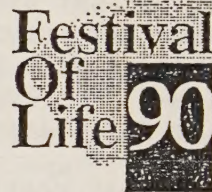
-Senior High Week - June 24-28 (\$90)

(deadline to register June 8)

-Junior High Week - July 8-11 (75)

(deadline to register June 20)

Contact Jane Prestbye at 1-800-843-5659.



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL COUNSELORS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The AAPC spring conference will be held at Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center in North Bend on March 2-3. It will be devoted to meditation on and discussion of the religious and moral dimensions of pastoral counseling. The \$75 fee includes lodging and 3 meals. For questions, please contact (on the program) Loris Buccola (503-873-8341) or (on registration) Doug McLemore (692-9524).

FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The Family Life Task Force of the Church Council of Greater Seattle announces the eighth annual Family Ministry Conference
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GO INTO THE WORLD

A GATHERING FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
of the ELCA

June 30 - July 6, 1990


Santa Clara, California

FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE (cont.)

on Wednesday evening, March 21, and Thursday, March 22, at New Hope Baptist Church, 124-21st Ave (and Yesler), Seattle. The Rev. Dr. Archie Smith, Jr. will be the keynote speaker and workshop leader on "The Family Journey: A Quest Toward Health and Wholeness". This is an education conference for families and for those who work with families in the church and community.

To register, call the Church Council at 525-1213 or 822-7466.

SEARCH TRAINING EVENT

The spring training event for new and on-going SEARCH Bible study programs will be held March 30-31 at Lutheran Bible Institute. The faculty will be Buzz Kahn, Pat Moylan, and Marcia Olson. Cost is \$300/three-member team (room, board, materials); \$100/individual trainee. Contact Marcia Olson, 7510 California Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98136; 937-3765.

MORTON L. KATZ WORKSHOP

St. Andrew's Lutheran in Bellevue and The Open Window School present Dr. Morton L. Katz, Ph.D. at a workshop entitled "Kids and Development: Six Ingredients for Healthy Development", on Saturday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's. Dr. Katz is a nationally recognized authority in translating mental health issues into practical parenting tips, using good humor and a style which helps parents and professionals understand the uniqueness of children as they grow to their life potential.

Cost is \$15 and advance registration is requested with a \$5 deposit. Send registrations to Katz Workshop, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 - 148th SE, Bellevue, WA 98007.

Other opportunities to hear Dr. Katz: April 19, 7:30 p.m., at The Lake Heights Center, 5225-119th SE, Bellevue, \$5 at the door, speaking on the topic, "High Achieving Parents--High Achieving Kids"; April 22 at the Adult Forum at St. Andrew's, 10 a.m. on the topic, "Building a Functional Child in an Often Dysfunctional World".

ONE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Native American Lutheran Ministry of Region I presents "One in the Spirit", a conference to be held on April 27-29 at Holden Village. This conference is a unique opportunity to experience and celebrate Native American spirituality. Registration is \$100. To register contact Ron Adams, 525-1213; for information, contact Ramona Soto-Rank, (503) 228-4185.

REFORMATION CONFERENCE AT PLTS

An outstanding set of Reformation scholars will be featured at "Lutheran Confessional Theology Faces the 21st Century", a major conference for pastors, laity, and students sponsored by Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary on May 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the seminary campus in Berkeley. Dr. Eric W. Gritch and Dr. Jane E. Strohl will be the principal speakers. This event is free; contact Dr. Ted Peters, (415) 524-5264 to register.

OPORTUNIDAD '90

Lutheran Bible Institute in California is sponsoring "Oportunidad '90", an International Conference on Hispanic Ministry, May 4-6, at First Lutheran Church in Fullerton, California. A limited number of travel scholarships are available. If you are interested in attending, contact Lutheran Bible Institute in California, 641 S. Western Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804-3199; (714) 827-1940.

"PREACHING DAYS" EVENT AT LNTS

"Creative Preaching" will be the theme of a "Preaching Days" event at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, June 12-14. Preaching and lecturing will be Dr. Robert Hughes, Pastor William R. White, and Dr. Eugene L. Lowry. For further information, call (612) 641-3214.

1990 NW INTL CHRISTIAN MISSION CONFERENCE

The themes for this year's Northwest International Christian Mission Conference are "Central America: People of a Prophetic Church", "Mythmakers: Gospel, Culture and the Media", and "Bible Study: (continued next page)

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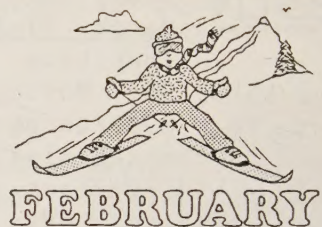
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- 13 Interim pastors luncheon, noon
- 14 Cluster Deans meet at Synod Office, 9:30 am
- 19 President's Day Holiday--SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
- 19 Evangelism Committee, 7:30 pm,
Prince of Peace North
- 20 Foss Home Annual meeting, 6:45 pm
- 21 Executive Committee, 7:30 am, Synod Office
- 22 Health & Wellness Committee, 10 am,
Synod Office
- 23 Global Missions Committee, 9 am, LBI
- 25 Bishop Chilstrom at 100th anniversary
celebrations in Bellingham
- 27 Seatac Cluster, 11:30 am,
Our Saviour's, Seattle

Mar

- 1 Candidacy Committee, 9 am, St. John, Seattle
- 2-3 Synod Council Retreat, LOMA Center for Renewal
- 6 Finance Committee, 6 pm, Prince of Peace No.
- 8-12 Conference of Bishops, San Diego
- 8 Youth Committee, 7 pm, Trinity, Lynnwood
- 10 Stewardship Workshop, 9a-6p, LBI, Issaquah
- 17 Stewardship Workshop, 9a-6p, Salem, Mt Vernon

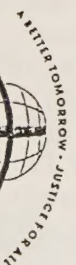
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CALLS ACCEPTED	LP=Lead Pastor	A=Associate	Y=Youth Pastor
None this month			
AIM APPOINTMENT(S)			
None this month			
INSTALLATION(S)			
Eric P. Ranum	Christ, Ferndale	02/11/90	
ANNIVERSARY			
Immanuel, Seattle	100th	02/24/90	
ORDINATION(S)			
None this month			
RESIGNATION(S)			
None this month			
RETIREMENT(S)			
John T. Greeny (date correction)		02/04/90	
William N. Leed		09/01/89	
TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD			
None this month			
CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS	NV=New Vacancy	Int=Interim	
CP=Congregational Profile	I=Interviewing	C=Calling	
Alderwd Manor, Gloria Dei (LP)	CP	G. Rothenberger, Assoc	
Everett, Bethany of NW (second Chaplain)			
Kenmore, Northlake	C	Sonja Johnson, Int	
Mercer Island, Holy Trinity(A)	I	Paul Fauske, LP	
Seattle, Calvary	CP	Robert Scott, Pastor	
Seattle, Columbia Lutheran			
Home (Chaplain)	I	Jon Rorem, Admin	
Seattle, University	CP	D. Lothar Pietz, Int	

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
March 2, 1990



CHRISTIAN YOUTH OF CIRCOPOLYANA



SELAH!

*An occasional column of commentary from the faculty of
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California
edited by Professors Robert Smith and Martha Stortz*

Year of Matthew -- Right? Wrong!

by Professor Robert Smith, New Testament

We are kidding ourselves when we talk about a "Year of Matthew." Each of our liturgical years is really a "Year of Luke." Every Church Year is organized from Advent through Christmas and Epiphany to Lent and Easter into Pentecost toward Christ the King. That scheme is fixed, rigid and Lukan.

Matthew's Gospel has been cut up into little snippets and then rearranged to make it fit this Lukan Year. Whole chapters of Matthew (8,12,19) are tossed aside, and then at Christmas and during Lent and Easter scraps from Luke and John are slipped in, diluting Matthew still further.

In the process, Matthew's theme suffers total eclipse: Jesus as Creator and Teacher of Righteousness. God lays healing hands on the universe in Jesus Christ to make it "all right" and to call us to lives of "all-rightness."

That summary (we could argue it) is derived from numerous Matthean passages, many of which are omitted from the lectionary.

The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13) is not one of the lessons this year, and so we may escape meditating on the petition "Thy will be done on earth" as Matthew's (not Luke's) understanding of the way God's name is hallowed and God's sovereignty comes.

Matthew presents the miracles of Jesus as part of God's program of "justice" or "setting right" the wrongs of the world (12:18-21) but Matt. 12:18-21 is not in any lesson of the Year, and in fact only 3 of the 19 miracles recorded by Matthew appear in the lectionary. Without the miracles of Jesus (with their real cures of real physical ills) it is easy to imagine that Jesus' program is aimed exclusively at inner ills, bad attitudes. But the "kingdom of the heavens" or "coming divine sovereignty" proclaimed by Jesus is a making-right of universal dimensions, embracing inner and outer, spiritual and physical, self and cosmos.

The lectionary offers us the option of omitting the hard conclusion to the Banquet (22:11-14), but if we exercise that option, we glibly sidestep Matthew's challenge.

The "Slaughter of the Innocents" (2:16-18) gets read if their Festival is observed (Dec. 28). But the

chorus of children praising Jesus for healings in the temple (21:14-17) is omitted. Vanished also are the mighty words of Jesus about becoming like children and about not offending one of these little ones (18:1-14). How like Matthew and Jesus to pay attention to the children! And how we need to do that in a world where so many children are among the refugees, the homeless, the unemployed, the families of the prisoners!

Having made those omissions, it is probably only natural that the lectionary also cuts out the passages in which Matthew describes Jesus' intention to create a new family (12:46-50 and 13:53-58). Most of the passages in which Jesus warns leaders of the new family against hunger for power are also gone (16:1-12; 17:10-27; 23:13-36; 24:45-51; 28:11-15).

I suppose we can live without the genealogy (1:1-17), but we so easily forget what we owe to our ancestors that we should fight the omission. The "Golden Rule" (7:12) is gone, but many Lutherans have argued it out of existence anyhow and so will not miss it.

I don't complain that Jesus' great vision of the Last Judgment (25:31-46) is used for the final Sunday in the Church Year. But it is too bad that the final paragraph of Matthew's Gospel (28:16-20) is assigned to Trinity Sunday.

A really Matthean Year, unlike the patchwork job we have, would help us celebrate God's gift of "righteousness" and force us to ask what it means to live lives of "all rightness" or "justice" today.

A "Year of Matthew" should offer the entire Gospel in church on Sunday morning. But they say that would put excess pressure on the liturgical calendar and break it apart. We can't bring ourselves to do that. But we can, year after year, break the Gospels apart and ignore great sections of them!

What shall we do? Rewrite the Church Calendar? Use one or two Sundays in the Year to play catch-up? Gather in study groups to ponder Matthew's message?

How shall we let the real Gospels (not the chopped up Gospels) have free rein among us to criticize, jolt and cheer us?

CHRISTIAN MISSION CONFERENCE (cont.)
the Letter of Paul to the Galatians".
Plan now to attend this inspirational
conference on August 6-9 on the campus of
Trinity Western University, Langley, B.C.
For information contact Gladys Smith,
Registrar, 4500 Martin Way, #24, Olympia,
WA 98506, or Art Shrumm, President, 10233
NE 22nd Pl., Bellevue, WA 98004.

WANT ADS

VOLUNTEER NEEDED IN REGIONAL OFFICE

Christine in the Regional Office needs a
volunteer to listen to several audio tapes
in the Region's A/V library and write a
brief synopsis of each. If you would be
willing to help, please call Christine at
624-0093.

HEIFER PROJECT SEEKS HOST COUPLE

The NW Region is seeking a volunteer
host couple for the Learning & Livestock
Center in Ceres, California, beginning
June 1. The LLC is 6 1/2 acres with
barns, pasture, conference room, regional
office, and host house. Some farm and
animal background is necessary. Duties
include feeding and caring for a few
resident animals, maintaining grounds,
pastures and equipment, flood irrigate
pastures during summer months, assist with
planning and supervising work groups, and
assisting Regional Director with any
overseas or domestic shipments.

Housing, utilities, and monthly stipend
are provided. A one-year commitment is
desired, but will consider less. Contact
Joann Quinley, Regional Director, PO Box
126, Ceres, CA 95307; (209) 537-8996.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AT PLTS

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in
Berkeley, California, is searching for a
Director of Development. He or she would
be responsible for recruitment of
students, the Annual Fund, and a major
gifts campaign. The director supervises a
staff of three full-time employees and
several part-time employees. The position
involves considerable travel, occasionally
on weekends. A Lutheran pastor with fund-
raising experience is required. For a job
description and further details write to

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Dr. Jerry Schmalenberger, President,
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary,
Berkeley, CA 94708.

CHURCH PIANIST/ORGANIST POSITIONS

Lord of Life, Renton, has a position
open for church pianist and/or organist.
Call John Cox, 255-7785, or Lord of Life,
226-2871.

St. Stephen's, Seattle is looking for an
accomplished organist for one worship
service, plus choir accompaniment.
Contact St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, P O
Box 7027, Seattle, 98133, 542-5338.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Messiah, Auburn, seeks to fill the
position of Director of Christian
Education after April 1. Congregation of
1,300 baptized members and multiple staff;
30 hour-per-week position. Send resume to
Messiah Lutheran Church, 805 - 4th St. NE,
Auburn, WA 98002; 833-5280.

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE (CHAPLAIN)

A full-time position is available in a
skilled nursing facility known for
excellent care and loving spirit.
Candidates must be ordained ELCA clergy;
have training in long-term care and/or
geriatrics, or two years of chaplaincy
experience; plus three years of parish
ministry. Send letter of application and
resume only to Bethany of the Northwest,
3322 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201; 259-
5508, ext. 228.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley,
has a Gestetner mimeograph machine and
scanner in excellent condition for sale.
Contact Pastor Wes Tollefson, 432-1373.

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY NEWS

Remember in your prayers Joseph Melby
who fractured his hip, Bob Armstrong
recovering at home after hospitalization
for diabetes, and Duane Hanson in Alaska
whose father died suddenly . . . we
rejoice with one of our AIMs, Martha
Maier, who will be ordained in Oregon this
month . . .

"Nevertheless, we must now bring disciplinary charges," he said.

A consultation team of three pastors and two lay people will be named to meet with the congregations. If the consultation team cannot resolve the situation, a disciplinary committee will be appointed.

According to ELCA discipline procedures, the 12-member committee includes the six members of the synod's standing committee on discipline and six from the ELCA's 21-member committee on discipline.

The joint committee has 45 days to meet, hear the parties involved and decide on the disciplinary action to be imposed.

Actions that can be imposed include censure and admonition by the bishop of the synod; suspension from the rights and privileges of a congregation of the ELCA for a designated period, or removal from the roll of congregations of the ELCA.

About 600 people attended the two-hour ordination ceremony for Ruth Frost, Phyllis Zillhart and Jeff Johnson at St. Paulus Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Jan. 20. Approximately 30 Lutheran pastors and 30 pastors from other denominations were reported taking part in the service.

A letter of support was read from Dr. Krister Stendahl, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Stockholm in the Church of Sweden and now a chaplain at Harvard Divinity School. Stendahl said that it is his conviction that the steps taken by the three ordinands and the congregations "stand well before God."

He added that celibacy as a condition for ministry, especially in the Lutheran tradition, seems "pastorally questionable."

Stendahl said, "I am convinced that as Christians all of us must live our sexuality responsibly, and that Christian ethics puts equal emphasis on fidelity and mutuality."

He prayed that the three "be preserved from bitterness and condescension toward those leaders and members of the ELCA who are not ready yet to rejoice with you in the new chapter which you have been called to write in the history of the Lutheran ministry in the USA."

Lutheran churches in seven other cities, including Seattle, Chicago and Washington, were linked by telephone to the ceremony.

St. Francis installed Frost and Zillhart to serve as part of a pastoral team leading Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministry, an area-wide outreach to the gay and lesbian community. First United Lutheran Church



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SAN FRANCISCO (ELCA) -- The Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America delivered by hand copies of disciplinary charges against two congregations here Monday (Jan. 22).

The charges were delivered to St. Francis Lutheran Church and First United Lutheran Church of San Francisco for ordaining and installing as pastors three practicing homosexuals in violation of ELCA documents stating that practicing homosexuals cannot serve as ordained pastors in the ELCA. The congregations are charged with "wilfully disregarding and violating a criterion for recognition as congregations of the ELCA."

The charges were brought by synodical Bishop Lyle Miller and the Synod Council who had told the congregations such charges would be brought if they went ahead with installing unauthorized persons to serve as pastors.

"We find ourselves in a very unpleasant situation forced upon us by circumstance," Miller said. "I very much support our church's ministry to and with gay/lesbian people. I have strived to maintain a pastoral relationship with these two congregations and continue to care for them."